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The Honorable Henry Kissinger  
The Secreatry of State  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Through the years, our government has had special interest in the development of human rights, and has rightly resisted when there were gross violations of basic human freedoms.

Therefore, I am writing to call to your attention, and seek the assistance of the State Department in the case of Claudia Inés Peiró. Miss Peiró is the seventeen year old daughter of the Reverend Angel V. Peiró, a minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Argentina. Reverend Peiró is presently doing reconstruction work in Guatemala under the auspices of the Christian Church, and in behalf of the World Council of Churches.

Miss Peiró was arrested in Resistencia, Argentina, on May 17, 1976, and has been held incommunicado since May 23.

It appears that no charges have been lodged against Miss Peiró, there has been no trial; indeed, there seems to be no investigation in progress, nor any possibility for legal defense or judicial intervention.

Please do all you can to rectify this situation. We express in advance our personal thanks for your help, and the gratitude of the Peiro family.

Sincerely yours,

Charles A. Malotte  
Regional Pastor

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cc: Senator Alan Cranston

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director  
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